

# MSFC Safety *Bulletin*

## Deer Hits Service Vehicle in Broad Daylight



### What Happened?

- An employee was driving on Morris Road, near Building 4315, when he was forced to slow down for two male deer that crossed the road in front of him.
- He drove on, traveling only about 60 feet, when he heard a loud noise from the passenger side of the truck. Looking back, he saw a third buck running away from the road.
- The employee stopped to inspect the vehicle, and found the damage shown in the photos.
- The Protective Services Department was notified, and investigated the accident. No human injuries occurred.

### What Can Be Done?

- Remember that increased deer populations increase the risk of contact on roadways, and it is not always possible to avoid the collision. Wear seatbelts!
- Know that deer may appear on or near roadways at any time of day, although greater movement occurs during the cooler and darker hours.
- Realize that sightings of Redstone Arsenal deer occur in open areas, as well as near wooded areas -- especially during hunting season.
- Remain alert for the possible appearance of deer, and be prepared to take split-second action to avoid potentially serious injury to yourself and passengers.